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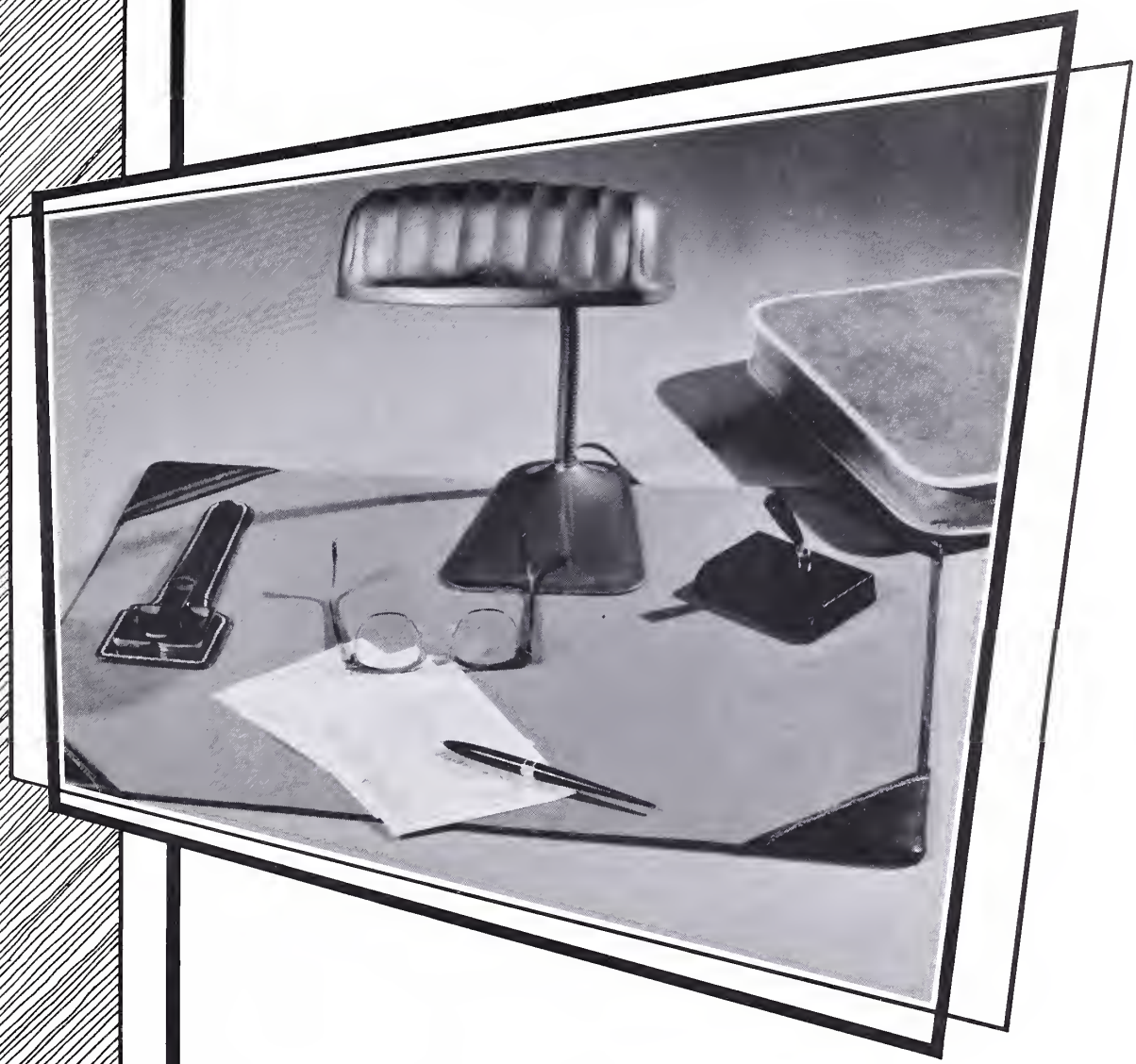

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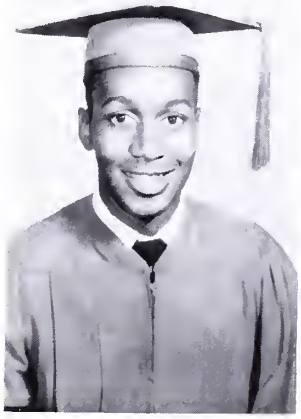
seniors

Emily Marie Davis.....
"Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you."
Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Dramtic club 1,2,3,4; Student Concil 3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Majorette 1,2,3,4; N.H.A. 1,2,4; Safety Patrol 2,3; **Yearbook Staff 4.**

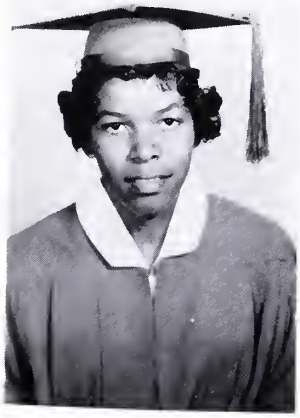
Charles W. Smith.....
"Experience is the fool's best teacher: the wise do not need it."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1, 2,3,4; Safety Patrol 1,2,3; N.H.A. 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Co-Captian 4; Basketball 4; Year Book Staff 4.

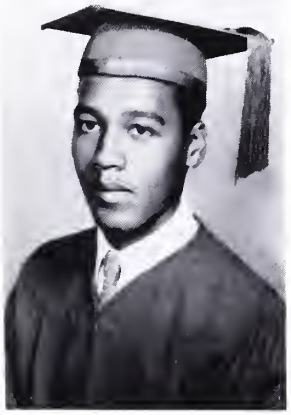
Ida Grace Goff.....
"A good name is rather be chosen than great richers."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Dramatic 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; N.H.A. 1,2,4; Majorette 3, 4; News paper staff 4.



Norma Cashwell.....
"Learning is like mercury one of the most powerful and excellent things in the world in skillfull hands, in the unskillfull the most mischievous."
Tri-Hi-Y 2,3,4;
Dramatic club 2,3,4; N.H.A. 2,4; Girls **Chorus** 3,4; Glee Club 1; Yearbook staff 4.

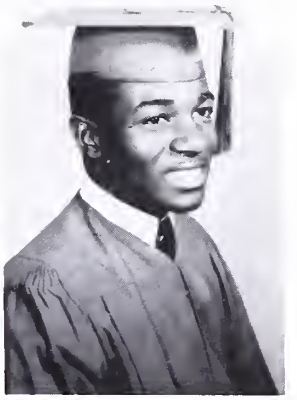
Marva Jean Smith.....
"The world owes you a living but you have to work hard to collect it."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Safety Patrol 2,3; N.H.A. 2,4; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Captian 4; Dramatic Club 1,2,3,4;





Joseph Helton .....
"There is always work and tools to work withal for those who will."
Football 2,3,4; N.H.A. 4
Glee Club 4.

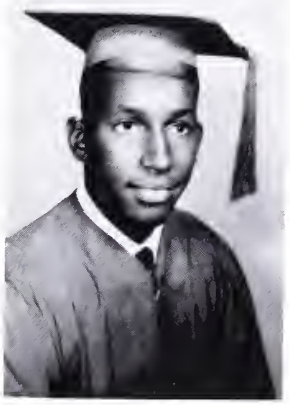
Maralyn Straughter.....
"God helps them who help themselves."
Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; N.H.A. 1,2,3,4.



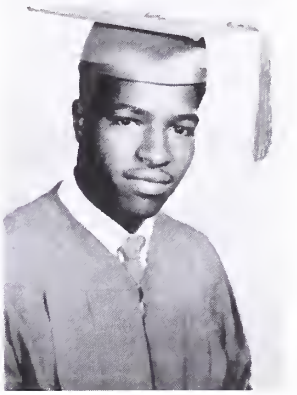
William Harfis .....
"A serious mind is the road to success."
Football "2,3,4; Band 1, 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Patrol 1,2,3.

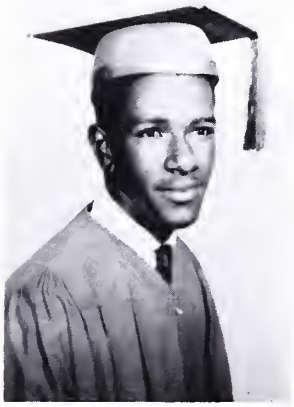
Jerry A. Caul .....
"It's best to be silent and thought of a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Baseball 4; Basketball 3,4.

Joe Louis Smith .....
"In life there are many kinds of ships, but there is no ship like friendship".
Glee Club 2,3,4;
Football 2,3,4.

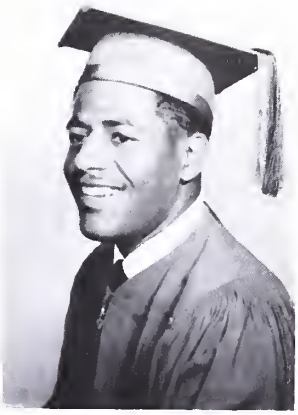


Larfine Barber .....
"A person goes all the way around the world in search for what he wants then returns and finds it at home." N.H.A. 4.

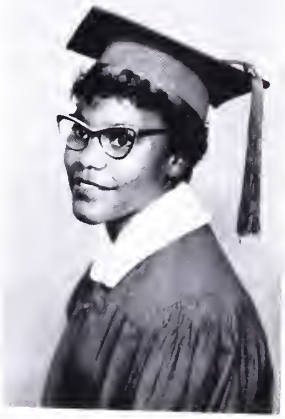




Rebecca Pleasant.....
"Study the big problems all the time, but never skip a small task, for one of the simple duties may hold the key to the biggest problem."
Glee Club 1; Tri-Hi-y 4; Dramatics 3,4; N.H.A. 4; Student council 1,2,3; Newspaper Staff 3;



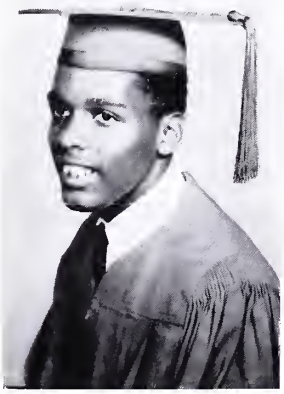
Warner Hunter.....
"Education is bought but, knowledge is attained."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Dramatic Club 3,4; N.H.A.4; Patrolman 3,4.



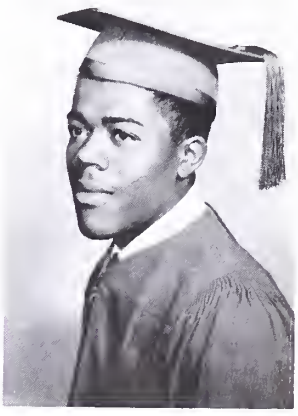
Arthur Liggins.....
"There are two things to aim at in life, first, to get what you want; and after that, to enjoy it." Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second."
Dramtics 3,4, Pres. 4; Football 2,3,4, Captian 4; Safety Patrol 1,2,3; N.H.A.4; Band 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Newspaper 4.

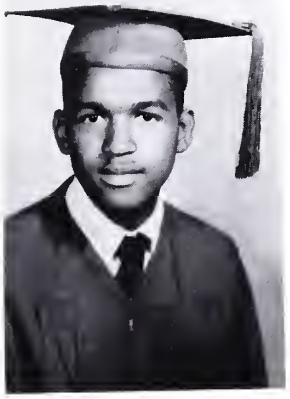
William Revely.....
"Along the stromy road of life there will be a time where I'll see strife, but at the top is where I'll end, the highest point from where I'll begin."
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Football 1, 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3; Basketball 3,4, Dramatics 4; Editor-in-Chief of Paper 4; Safety Patrol 1,2,3,4.

Rudolph Quarles.....
"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"
Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4.

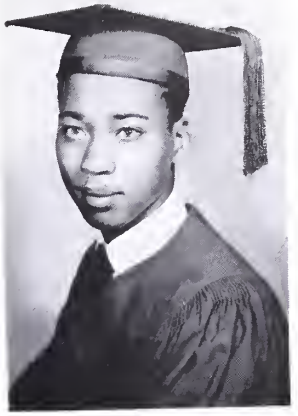


Lula Mae Tyler.....
"Whom the Gods would destroy they first make drunk with power."
N.H.A. 4.





Robert Humbles.....
"Books are keys to wisdom's treasure; Books are paths that upward lead; Books are friends, come let us read."
Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Science & Math. 1,2,3; Patrol 2,3; Student Council 1; Watsonian Staff 3,4.

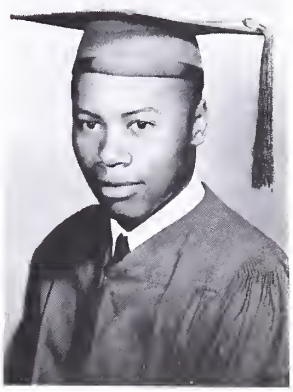


Thomas David Rose.....
"Courage means to be affraid to do something, but still go ahead and do it."
Patrol 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4;

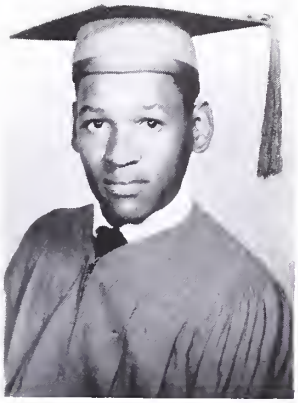
Jeannie Elizabeth Scott...
"He prayeth best, who loveth best. All things, both great and small;for the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all."
Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Tri-hi-Y 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; News paper 2,3,4; Patrol3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; CO-Captain 4; N.H.A. 1,2,4; Student Council 2.

Cassandra Mack.....
"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they should be seen, and doing things as they should be done."
Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Tri-hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; N.H.A. 1,2,4; Patrol 3; News Paper 2,3,4; C. President 4.

Larry Branch.....
"There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance."
Football 1,2,3,4; Band 1, 2; N.H.A. 3,4; Business Manger 4; Baseball 1:



Doris Umbles .....
"Courtesy that does not rest on a deep moral foundation is like cheap jewelry!"
Glee Club 1,2,3,4;
N.H.A. 1,2,3,4.

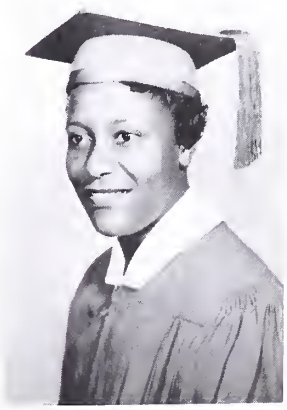


Gilbert Waldrom .....
"Liberty of thought is the life of the soul!"
Band 2,3,4; Football 3,4.

Oliver Wright.....
"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"

Rose Lee Mack.....
"Every yesterday is but a dream, every tomorrow is but a vision, but, every today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happeness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope."
Tri-Hi-Y 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Dramatics 1,2, 3, 4; N.H.A. 3,4; Treasurer Dist. S.P.A.1.

Jean Holloway.....
"Hope for the best,but prepare for the worst."
Dramatics 1,2,3,4;
Cheering Squard 1,2,3,4,
N.H.A.1,3,4; Glee Club 4;



CLASS HISTORY

It is now June, the month of graduation and we must part from this wonderful spot, Watson High School, which we all love so well. Before parting, let us take a last, yet prideful look back four years ago.

Imagine that we are traveling on the road to Higher Education.

In the beginning of the fall of 1955, forty-four desirous Freshmen crowded into a guided missle propelled by Mr. W. C. Walker, our homeroom teacher, who led us through the stages of General Science. He was assisted by Mrs. Susie Thompson, who aided us through English I. Mrs. Sherman White taught us the fundamentals of how to fit in a society, under the subject Civics. Mrs. Alma Wilson improved our etiquette by touring with us in Home Economics I. At the fifth stage of our rocket Mr. George D. Hill, Jr., acquainted us with the importance of Mathematics. Mr. James McCormick, our music director, accompanied us to Wythville, Virginia, to participate in the annual district music festival. Our class officers were: Rosa Mack, President; Maralyn Straughter, Vice-President; Robert Humbles, Secretary; Betty Bolden, Treasurer.

In 1956, we climbed the rocket to orbit number two, we had lost twelve class members and gained one new one. Mrs. Susie Thompson was our homeroom teacher and she continued to guide us through English Hall II. She also took us through the thrilling hall of World History. Mrs. Wilson continued to brush up our etiquette through Home Economics. This year she taught cookery and clothing. The fashion show was a sensational event. Mr. Hill taught us the fundamentals of Algebra, while Mr. Walker toured with us through the testing grounds of Biology. Other activities in which members of the class participated were: Tri-Hi-Y, Dramatics, Glee Club, Science and Math Club, and Band. Our officers were Robert Humbles, President; Arthur Liggins, Vice-President; Theda Stewart, Secretary; Marva Smith, Treasurer.

Now came 1957, we lost five more class members. Our homeroom teacher, Mrs. Sherman White, taught the fundamentals of American History. Mr. Hill guided us safely through Algebra II and Mr. McCormick took us on a tour of English III. He also led us through the thrilling hall of French I.

There was cause for much excitement this year because there were two new subjects, shorthand and typewriting, taught by a new teacher Mr. J. O. Malone. Mrs. Wilson led us through the stage of Family Life, a subject field from which we learned many important facts about life and living.

The Junior Department of Home Economics held its annual Buffet Dinner. The Home Economics Department sponsored Girls and Boys Day, With Miss Joyce Wallace, speaker for the girls, and Dr. W. W. Johnson, Jr. speaker for the boys. The fashion show which is an annual affair was a bright success. Most of us were thrilled with our first prom. The homecoming and Daisy Dae and Lil Abner dances were successful. The class picnic at the Industrial Rayon was a gay event enjoyed by all. Our class officers were Theda Stewart, President; Jeanne Scott, Vice-President; Ida Goff, Secretary; William Harris, Treasurer; Arthur Liggins, Business Manager.

At last we reached the fourth and final stage of our orbit, which bore the sign SENIORS." Mr. George Hill, Jr.; an old friend opened the gate and let us in. This was our last year on the journey. We were in the midst of the Land of Education! Once in-

CLASS COLORS

Royal Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER

Moonlight Rose

side we propelled the rocket and got a flying start with Mr. Hill behind the wheel. We went to Chemistryville where we met another old friend, Mr. W. C. Walker. Mrs. Wilson toured with some of us through Home Economics Hall IV. The Seniors were special guest of the Annual Buffet Dinner sponsored by the Junior Homemaking Department. This year's theme was the Mardi Gras. This year a new business course was added, General Business, taught by an old friend, Mr. J. O. Malone. Some of us met with him again in Shorthand II and Typing II. Mr. C. G. Brown led us through English IV and French II. These were thrilling subjects. Mrs. Susie Thompson toured with us the basic facts of getting a living through the Hall of Sociology. Last we toured with our driver, Mr. G. D. Hill, Jr., in American Government. Some of us went to Addison High School in Roanoke to attend College day. The Seniors had Freshmen week to greet the new Freshmen.

The seniors were special guest at the Junior-Senior Prom, sponsored by the Junior Class. The Senior Play was entitled "WHICH SHALL HE MARRY" under the direction of Messurs. George D. Hill, Jr., and Caleb G. Brown.

All our activities were successes. We are now striving forward to reach our goal, SUCCESS, and when we have attained this standard we shall always remember and thank--PARENTS, TEACHERS, CHURCHES, and the COMMUNITY.

Robert Nathaniel Humbles, Jr.

FAREWELL WATSON

Oh ever faithful Watson High
Joy marks our parting time
Every hour will be remembered
Everyone has certainly been fine.

We've spent those joyful years here
And we're ready for our life's way
We'll use the things we've learned here
We'll remember you every day.

The troubles will be our reminder
Our good deeds will be our staff
Our love will be our many cares
As progress is marked on our graph.

We're setting out in this old world
We're at the beginning of a strange road
So we hope the things we've achieved here
Will help us bare this heavy load

Farewell, Farewell dear old Watson High
As '58 marks our parting year
We really loved every moment with you
And we'll meet this world without fear.

By William Revely, Jr.

VALEDICTORIAN

Jeannie Scott

HONORS

Cassandra Mack
Arthur Liggins
William Revely

SALUTATORIAN

Robert Humbles

CLASS MOTTO: "The Biggest Room In The World Is The Room For Improvement"

WHO'S WHO

Arthur Liggins	Most Handsome
Marva Smith	Friendliest Girl
Larry Branche	Class Gentleman
Rosa Lee Mack	Prettiest Legs
William Revely	Class Poet
Lula Tyler	Class Joker, Girl
Rudolph Quarles	Class Joker, Boy
Jeannie Scott	Best Shapped Girl
William Harris	Class Flirt
Larfine Barber	Quietest Girl
Oliver Wright	Most Talkative
Rebecca Pleasant	Most Unique Hairstyles
Warner Hunter	Class Musician
Doris Umbles	Neatest Figure
Robert Humbles	Most Studious
Emily Perkins	Latest Styles in Dress
Joe Smith	Laziest Boy
Jean Holloway	Biggiest Girl
Charles Smith	Friendliest Boy
Norma Cashwell	Prettiest Face Features
Jerry Caul	Best Bass Voice
Cassandra Mack	Most Studious Girl
Thomas Rose	Most Concerned
Joseph Helton	Fussiest Boy
Gilbert Waldron	Quietest Boy
Ida Goff	Best Dressed Girl
Maralyn Straughter	Best Singer

Rebecca Pleasant

Norma Cashwell

PROPHECY

About the year 2001 as I was shopping through space, I decided to land on the moon to have my convertible "ROCKET SPACE SHIP" checked. I stopped at the "SMITH AND HARRIS PAINT AND BODY MISSILE STATION" owned and operated by William Harris, Charles and Joe Smith.

After having my ship checked, I flew over to Mars Hill, located on the Planet Mars to the "LARFINIA BEAUTY SALON," where I was given beauty treatment by the famous beautician of space Larfine Barber. There I read the latest novel written by the novelist and journalist, William Revely.

I then put on my space helmet hopped the nearest cloud and drifted over to "STAR CITY" to the fabulous "HOUSE OF GLAMOUR" to see my friend, the famous designer of garmets, Ida Goff.

Afterwards, I drifted over to the "HOUSE OF ARTS" where my portrait was painted by the famed artist Joseph Helton.

I returned to my ship. While gazing through my automatic TV--whom did I see but Rosa Lee Mack, singing her latest hit tune. I decided to drop by to see Rosa. There I saw an old school pal, Arthur Liggins, employed as the CHIEF TECHNICAL ENGINEER.

I then went over to the Jupiter Airport to meet my stenographer, Lula Tyler, who was returning from the Neptune Summit Conference. There I saw GENERAL JERRY CAUL of the Air Force, Rudolph Quarles, who was employed as an aviation engineer and Larry Branche employed as a pilot, operating flight 396.

I then decided to go over to the Zeus State Campus where I saw Jeannie Scott teaching Business Education, Norma Cashwell and Emily Davis teaching Elementary Education, Gilbert Waldron teaching Mathematics and Oliver Wright conducting the School of Upholstery.

From there I decided to visit the foreign fields on the vast lands of Pluto. There I saw my friend, Robert Humbles who was a missionary to the people.

I then visited St. John's Cathedral in Cloudsville. I saw and heard none other than the great concert artist as guest soloist, Jean Holloway.

Afterwards, I went over to the Metropolitan Opera House where I saw Warner Hunter conduct the symphony orchestra and heard none other Maralyn Straughter sing the role of "AIDA."

Having grown weary from the coolness of the day I set in orbit to Walter Reed Hospital located in the Little Dipper where my case was diagnosed by Dr. Marva Jean Smith and her Assistant Nurses: Cassandra Mack, Doris Umbles, Barbara Haskins, and Rebecca Pleasant.

As I decided to come back to earth, I stopped on the planet Neptune. There I visited Rose's Pharmacy where my prescriptions were filled by the well-known pharmacist, Thomas Rose

MARALYN STRAUGHTER

CAN YOU IMAGINE ?

William Harris	Not making passes at the girls?
Norma Cashwell	With out Rebecca?
William Revely	Not trying to prove a point?
Cassandra Mack	Not trying to out do Jeannie?
Thomas Rose	Not smacking his mouth when talking?
Ida Goff	With long finger nails?
Gilbert Waldron	Not laughing at his own mistakes?
Rebecca Pleasant	Not laughing out in class?
Emily Davis	Not being the class flirt?
Charles Smith	Not being the school "Romeo" ?
Jean Holloway	Wearing a size 7 dress?
Joe Smith	With more than one girl?
Marva Smith	Not using her big eyes?
Jerry Caul	Singing tenor?
Larfine Barber	Not wearing high heel shoes?
Joseph Helton	Not being the class fuss box?
Doris Umbles	With small jaws?
Arthur Liggins	Singing in the Glee Club?
Maralyn Straughter	Doing the "Bop?"
Rudolph Quarles	Not looking for the latest news?
Jeannie Scott	With eyebrows?
Robert Humbles	Without his homework?
Oliver Wright	Hearing what is said by the teacher?
Rosa Lee Mack	Not being alert?
Warner Hunter	Not running off at the mouth?
Lula Tyler	Bringing in her home work?
Larry Branch	Wearing Blue Jeans to school?

Emily Davis
Marva Smith

CLASS WILL

We, the 1958 Seniors of Watson High School, situated in the county of Alleghany, city of Covington, state of Virginia, do hereby bequeath to our Junior heirs, all that we have to give of our earthly possessions.

Doris Umbles leaves her waistline to Jo Ann Waldron. To Betty Cosby, Marva Smith leaves her beautiful shape. Maralyn Straughter bequeaths her vocal ability to Janett West. Thomas Rose leaves Elenora Fisher his initiative to be prompt. To Vincent Martin, Larry Branche wills his personality.

Rudolph Quarles bequeaths his jokes to George Cobbs. Robert Humbles leaves his height to Samuel Cobbs. Jeannie Scott wills her ability to stay in class to Lynn Harris. To Bernice Waldron, Ida Goff leaves her fredkles. Jerry Caul bequeaths his bass voice to Rodney Adams.

Cassandra Mack leaves her French and English grades to Eugene Persinger. Carolyn Ross is willed Jean Holloway's height. Charles Smith bequeaths to Maurice Rucker, his football jersey, Number 20. To Tazell White goes Arthur Liggins' girl troubles. Emily Davis bequeaths to Shirley Quarles her friendly personility. Norma Cashwell leaves her ability to stroll to Margaret Robinson.

We hope you'll make the best of these possessions, just as we did. Warner Hunter wills a mind full of reasons to William Holloway. To Warren Lemon, Joe Smith leaves his love-making. Rebecca Pleasant bequeaths her finesse to Doris Morgan, and to Barbara Blakey, Lula Tyler leaves her lips.

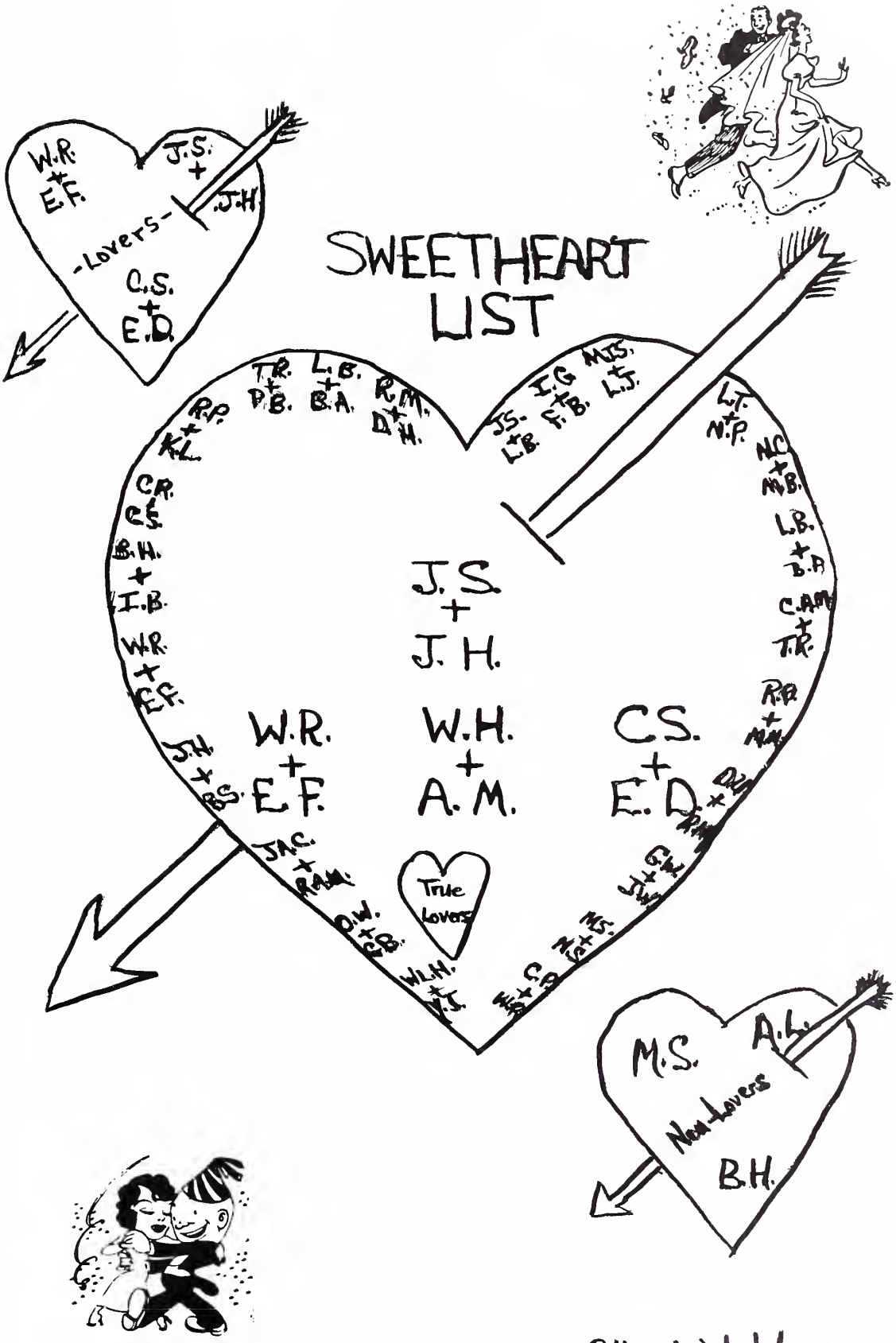
Larfine Barber leaves her ability to argue over anything to Margaret Gray. William Harris wants Lerory Brown to play football as he did. To Nathaniel Scott, Joseph Helton wills his running speed. Gilbert Waldron wills his mathematical "brain" to Cecil Fitzpatrick. William Revely hopes Jasper Goode will be able to dance after his dancing lessons are given. To Gretchen Woodfolk, Rosa Lee Mack leaves those beautiful "ham" legs, and Oliver Wright wills his desk to Matthew Menefee.

To the Juniors, we, the graduating class of 1958, wish much sucess, happiness and the best of everything.

Done by order of the Senior Class, June 12, 1958

WITNESSES:

Jeannie E. Scott
Cassandra A. Mack



Gilbert Waldron

juniors

JUNIOR CLASS

FIRST ROW (Left to Right) Lynne Harris, Secretary; Betty Scott, Christine Arnol, Peggy Chambers, Carolyn Ross, Rosa Scott, Janett West, Margaret Gray.

SECOND ROW (Left to Right) Doris Morgan, Melvadine Beale, Meridel Beale, Eleanora Fisher, Joann Waldron, Barbara Blakey.

THIRD ROW (Left to Right) Rodney Adams, Karen Haskins, President; Barbara Edwards, George Cobbs, Nathaniel Scott, Treasurer; Vincent Martin, Chester Wiley.

FOURTH ROW (Left to Right) Matthew Menefee, Business Manager; William Holloway, Warren Lemon, Maurice Rucker, Eugene Persinger, Leroy Brown.

FIFTH ROW (Left to Right) Betty Cosby, Vice President; Shirley Quarles, Shirley Hughes.

sophomores

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Front row left to right: William Young, Patricia Blakey, Sandra Coles, Verdine Mack, Alice Williams, Judy Persinger, Judy Bruce, Theodore Caul.

Second row from left to right: Barbara Allen, Phyllis Fourqurean, Betty Cashwell, Ruth Murphy, Linda Ross, Patricia Pleasant, Ass. Sec., Peggy Morgan.

Third row left to right: Richard Scott, Hubert Burns, John Sampson, Brenda Mack, Rosalind Fitzpatrick, Reginia Johnson, Phyllis Humbles, Sec.

Fourth row: Roscoe Martin, Pres., Gerand Helton, Thomas Waldron, Stanley Scott, Tres., Eugene Church, Chap.,John Martin, V. Pres., Donald Mack.

Fifth row left to right: Forest Irving,Walter Johnson, James Cardwell, Cornelius Barber, John Haskins, Ruben Halsey, Gerald Rogers.

freshmen

FRESHMAN CLASS

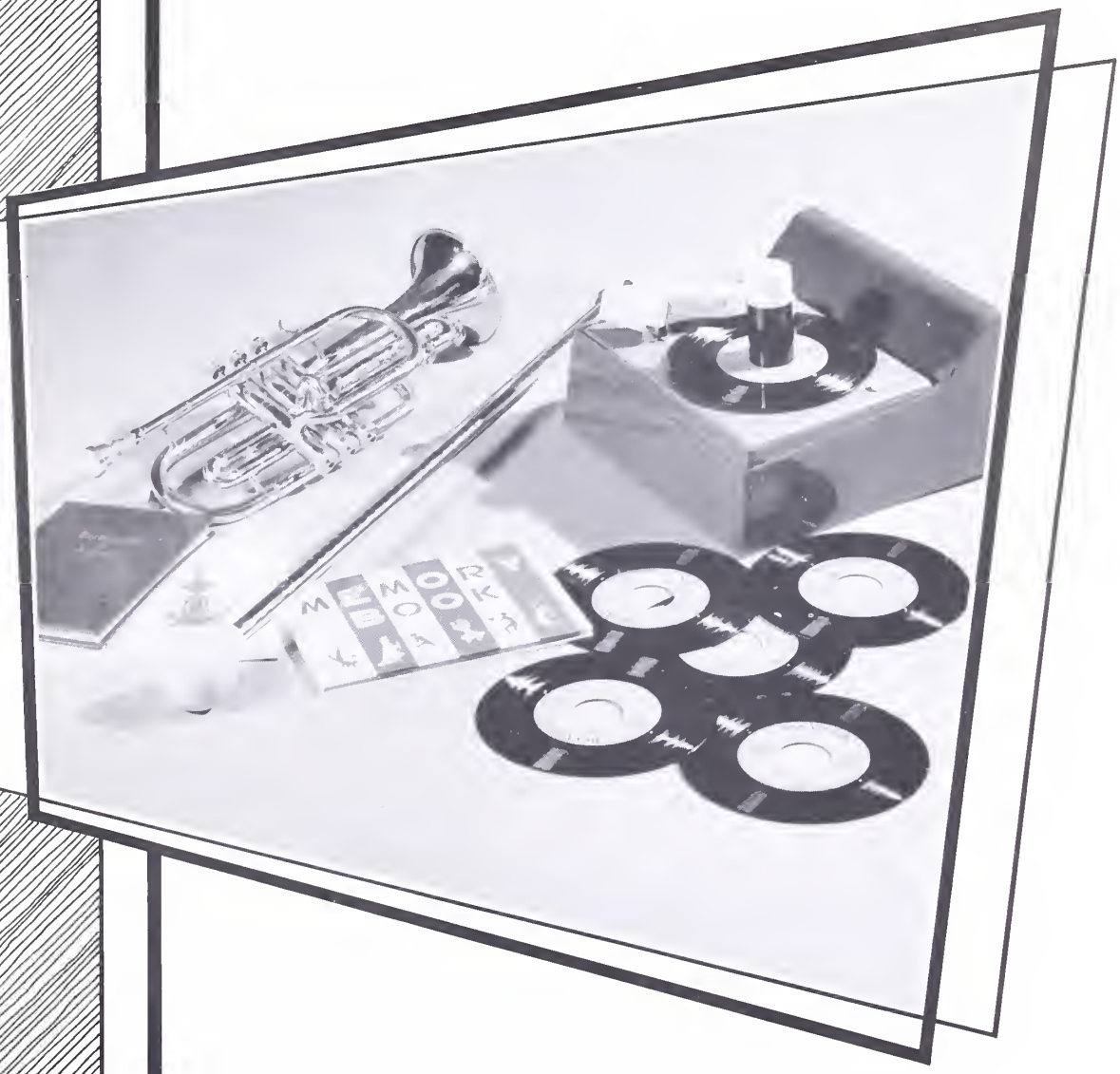
First Row: Left to Right- Matona White, Johnnie Woodfolk, President of Section II; Diane Brown, Berthamay Cardwell, Barbara Cardwell, Stephen Turner, Edward Miller, President of Section II; Gervis Perkins, Treasurer of Section I.

Second Row: Audrey Brown, Peggie Godfrey, Assistant Secretary of Section I; Edward Smith, Langston Scott, Barbara Jean Taylor, Patricia Coles, President of Section I; Shirley Umbles, Secretary of Section I.

Third Row: Mary Adams, Edith Morgan, Annette Brown, Joyce Brown, Doris Laws, Thelma Woodfolk, Secretary of Section II; Dorothy Hunter, Samuel Merchant, Roger Braxton, Donald Revely.

Fourth Row: Leroy Jeter, Kenneth Laws, Lawrence Jordan, Benjamin Barnette, Marion Brown, James Wiley, Rodney Brown, James Lowry, Levi Halsey, Randall Jackson.

Fifth Row: Edward Liggins, Treasurer of Section II; William Cardwell, Milton Helton, Robert Scott, Jerome Mann, Ralph Burks, Percy Carter, Clifford Beale, James Helton, Ernest Robinson.



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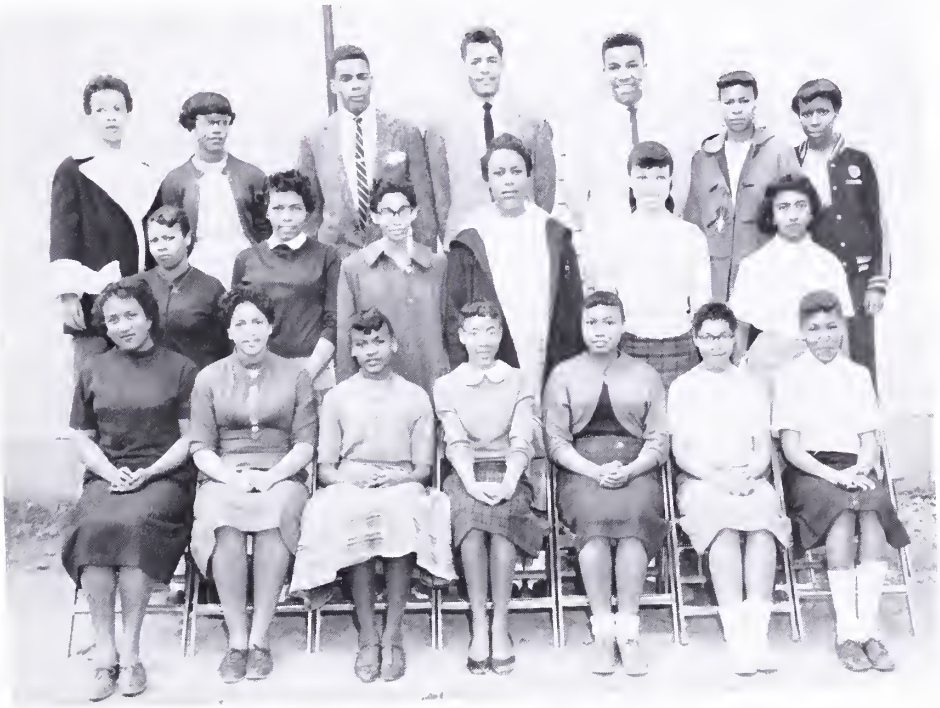

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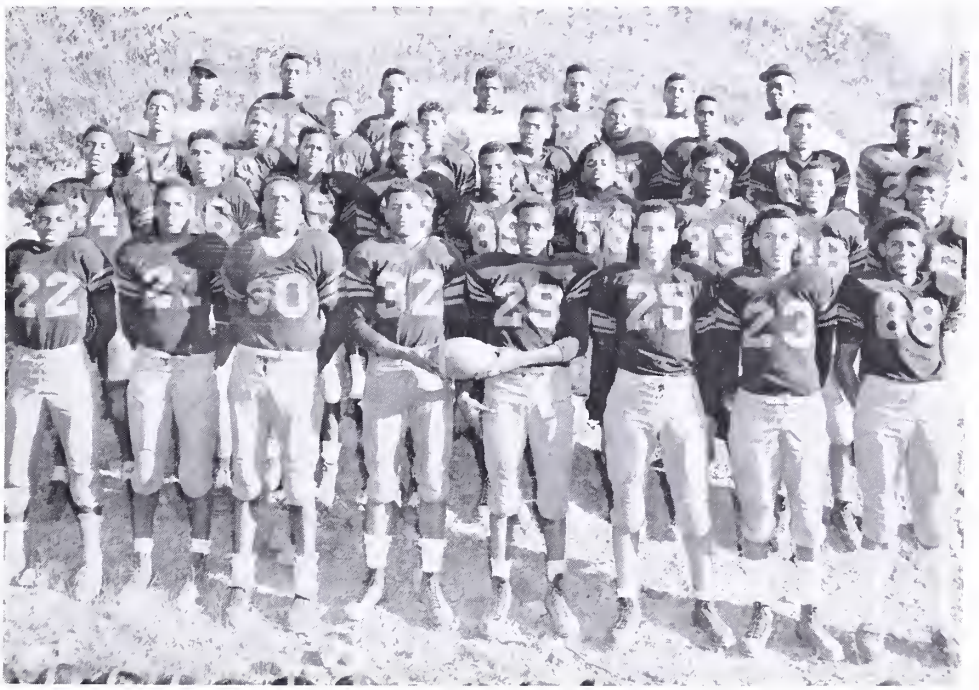

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